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For: LOW POLARISATION MODE )  
DISPERSION (PMD) OPTICAL )  
FIBER LINK, AND METHOD )  
FOR MAKING THE SAME )

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